

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1169

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor the Salt and Pepper Shaker Museum
on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize a fascinating museum that provides a living snapshot of popular culture over the years by displaying two of the most common household items in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Salt and Pepper Shaker Museum of Gatlinburg is celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year, having first opened its doors on Valentine's Day 2002; and

WHEREAS, owners Andrea Ludden and Alex Ludden recognized the universal appeal of salt and pepper shakers when they founded the museum and have since used that appeal to educate their patrons about the creativity and artistry of this special slice of Americana; and

WHEREAS, inspired by their late mother, who collected salt and pepper shakers for more than thirty-five years, the Luddens proudly display more than 20,000 sets of shakers at the museum based upon overall design and color scheme; and

WHEREAS, this unique museum features interactive shakers, shakers from popular culture, and combination shakers that contain both salt and pepper; and

WHEREAS, unusual displays include a set of travel shakers that hikers donated after completing the Appalachian Trail, a butterfly set of shakers signed by Sevier County-native and country music legend Dolly Parton, and a pair of melted glass shakers rescued from a Ludden family house that was lost to wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the museum also offers for sale 1,600 sets of shakers made by eighty-two different companies; and

WHEREAS, the Luddens' establishment in Gatlinburg has been so successful that in 2010, they opened a second museum in a Spanish tourist town, where another 20,000 sets of salt and pepper shakers are on display; and

WHEREAS, the Salt and Pepper Shaker Museum plays an important role in preserving both popular culture and the history of everyday life, and the museum and its owners are worthy of our approbation for reaching this significant milestone; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate owners Andrea Ludden and Alex Ludden and their Salt and Pepper Shaker Museum of Gatlinburg on the occasion of the establishment's twentieth anniversary and extend to these fine Tennesseans our best wishes for much continued success during the next twenty years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.